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SUBJECT: CLEARANCE FOR TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON

REF: DAO AMMAN 0145 (DTG 241354Z FEB 76)

1. LOCAL SOURCE HAS TOLD ME THAT PRIME MINISTER RIFAI WAS CONSULTED DIRECTLY ON CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR SECRETARY SIMON'S AIRCRAFT. HIS REACTION WAS "IF HE DOES NOT CARE ENOUGH TO STOP IN JORDAN WHEN HE IS VISITING EVERYONE ELSE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, WE DON'T CARE ENOUGH TO GRANT CLEARANCE."

2. I HAVE HEARD ALSO THAT JORDANIANS ARE NOT HAPPY ABOUT AIRCRAFT CURRING A SLIGHT CORNER THROUGH JORDAN BETWEEN SAUDI ARABIA AND EILAT IN ISRAEL TO AVOID WHAT THEY ASSUME ARE FIRM SAUDI SENSITIVITIES ABOUT DIRECT FLIGHTS BETWEEN SAUDI ARABIA AND ISRAELI-OCCUPIED TERRITORY, OR SAUDI ARABIA AND ISRAEL DIRECTLY. THEY HAVE ENOUGH MORE IMPORTANT INTERESTS IN SAUDI ARABIA NOW (HAWK DEAL) TO AVOID GIVING SAUDIS PRETEXTS OR REASONS TO CRITICIZE OR OTHERWISE REACT AGAINST JORDAN.

3. WE DO NOT KNOW REAL REASON WHY AIRCRAFT MUST TRANIST GOJ AIRSPACE. WOULD SEEM THAT SIMPLE FLIGHT UP RED SEA/FLF OF AQABA AND THEN OVER
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EILAT WOULD DO THE TRICK. ABOVE IS PASSED FOR

BACKGROUND IN EVENT YOU ARE CONSIDERING FURTHER
EFFORTS AT HIGHER LEVEL HERE.
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